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Letter of Appeal
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Waiver Request
CC Docket No. 02-6
RE: Appellant/Applicant name: Stanislaus County Free Library, BEN: 144394,
Application #584393

Dear Federal Communications Commission Appeals Board,

This letter is to appeal the decision concerning our form 471, Form Identifier #471YR10REV, Application #584393. This is an addition to our original 471 application, which has been approved for funding. We are adding in the Internet portion as our library system will be implementing filtering this year. The USAC letter of June 29, 2007 stated, "Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 2/15/2007, which is AFTER the 2007-2008 filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thursday, February 8, 2007."

In preparation for applying for funding, I called the USAC help line regarding filtering in early January 2007. I was told that we would have to have the filtering in place on 7/1/2007 in order to request funding for the 2007-2008 funding year. Completing implementation of filtering by 7/1/2007 would have been impossible, so we did not post the form 470 for Internet service at that time.

After doing further research, which indicated that we were eligible to apply, I called again on 1/11/2007 to clarify the information. I was told that we could apply as long as we were in the process of implementing filtering by 7/1/2007. I was able to compile the information, get necessary approvals, and have the 470 posted by January 18, 2007, which meant we could not submit the 471 until 2/15/2007, seven days after the deadline. I was advised on 1/11/2007 to apply even though we would not meet the deadline. Had I been given accurate information when I called prior to 1/11/2007, we could have had the information posted in time to submit the 471 within the window.

If I may provide further information, please contact me at (209) 505-1428 or darrough@scfl.lib.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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